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FOLLOWING REPEAT VIENNA 4916 ACTION SECSTATE JUN 6.

QUOTE: S E C R E T VIENNA 4916

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SUBJ: CYPRUS TALKS: VIENNA II: VIEWS OF UNSYG WALDHEIM

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

1. I MET WITH WALDHEIM AT HIS REQUEST THIS EVENING. HE
BEGAN HIS COMMENTS BY AGAIN EXPRESSING HIS APPRECIATION
FOR YOUR MOST RECENT LETTER TO HIM ON CYPRUS ISSUE AND
THEN ASKED THAT I PASS ON TO YOU HIS IMPRESSIONS THUS
FAR OF LATEST ROUND OF CYPRUS TALKS AS FOLLOWS.

2. DURING FIRST DAY (JUNE 5) OF TALKS, DENKTASH UNEXPECTEDLY
PUT FORWARD RATHER SPECIFIC IDEAS ON DISTRUBUTION OF
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POWERS BETWEEN CENTRAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND ON

POWERS OF FUTURE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. LATTER WOULD CONSIST OF SIX PORTFOLIOS, ACCORDING TO DENKTASH, TO BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN TURKISH AND GREEK CYPRIOTS. ALSO FORESEEN AS ANOTHER INDICATOR OF EQUALITY OF TREATMENT WOULD BE ROTATING PRESIDENCY, EITHER ANNUALLY OR BIANNUALLY.

3. SECOND IMPORTANT IDEA SET FORTH BY DENKTASH WAS INSTALLATION OF TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT ON CYPRUS AS INTERIM MEASURE. SUCH GOVERNMENT COULD DEAL WITH IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS AT HAND AND THUS GIVE SOME SEMBLANCE OF PROGRESS TOWARD EVENTUAL LONG-TERM SOLUTION OF COMPLEX OF ISSUES.

4. DENKTASH SAID IN RESPONSE CLERIDES' QUERY THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS SUBJECTS OF FUTURE TERRITORIAL DIVISION OF ISLAND AND REFUGEE PROBLEM ON FOLLOWING DAY (JUNE 6). LATTER PROSPECT WAS BASIS, ACCORDING TO WALDHEIM, FOR UN SPOKESMAN'S REGISTERING "SENSE OF SMALL BIT OF OPTIMISM" IN HIS STATEMENT TO PRESS AT END OF DAY'S (JUNE 5) SESSION.

5. AT JUNE 6 SESSION DENKTASH HOWEVER BACKED OFF FROM HIS PRIOR PROMISE TO DISCUSS NEW SUGGESTIONS RE GEOGRAPHY AND REFUGEES. HE PLEADED THAT DIFFERENCES STILL EXISTED IN ANKARA ON SUBJECT OF DEMARCATION LINES AND RETURNED TO EARLIER (UNACCEPTABLE) OFFER OF PERSON-FOR-PERSON EXCHANGE ON QUESTION OF REFUGESS. DISAPPOINTMENT IN EXPECTATIONS CAUSED CLERIDES TO BECOME "RATHER NERVOUS AND MAD/ AND TO PRESS DENKTASH TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING ON TERRITORIAL QUESTION IF HE WANTED GREEK CYPRIOT RESPONSE TO HIS SUGGESTIONS ON POSSIBLE POWERS OF FUTURE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. RENKTASH, ACCORDING TO WALDHEIM, MADE SINCERE PLEA ON INABILITY OF ANKARA GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE OF ITS NARROW POLITICAL MAJORITY, TO PROVIDE ANY INDICATION ON TERRITORIAL QUESTION AT THIS TIME. THIS STATEMENT MOVED CLERIDES TO PROPOSE THAT TALKS BE ADJOURNED SINE DIE.

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6. WALDHEIM SAID THIS PROMPTED HIM IN TURN TO ENTER FRAY, STATING HE HAD NOT COME TO VIENNA TO PRESIDE OVER COLLAPSE OF TALKS AND THAT WHILE HE HAD INITIALLY FELT PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS WERE LIMITED, HE NEVERTHELESS HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED BY COMMUNICATIONS FROM GREEK GOVERNMENT TO GO AHEAD WITH SECOND ROUND TALKS. AGREEMENT WAS THEN REACHED TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOMORROW (JUNE 7) TO ALLOW CONSULTATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE

GOVERNMENTS IN INTERIM.

7. SECRETARY GENERAL ENVISAGES ISSUANCE TOMORROW AFTERNOON OF FINAL COMMUNIQUE WHICH WOULD NOTE THAT SOME NEW SUGGESTIONS HAD BEEN PUT FORWARD AT LATEST ROUND AND THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED TO STUDY THEM BEFORE MEETING AGAIN AT YET TO BE SPECIFIED DATE. COMMUNIQUE WOULD THEN BE FOLLOWED, WALDHEIM STATED, BY HIS OWN REPORT TO SECURITY COUNCIL BY JUNE 15. QUESTION OF SPECIFIC DATE FOR NEXT ROUND

COULD BE LEFT FOR LATER AGREEMENT.

8. WALDHEIM EMPHASIZED TO ME AT THE END OF OUR MEETING THAT HE FELT HE HAD MADE STRONG EFFORT TO GET BOTH SIDES ENGAGED IN SERIOUS EXCHANGE, THAT "LIMITED PROGRESS IN ONE ASPECT" (DENKTASH'S SUGGESTIONS ON POWER OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT) HAD BEEN ACHIEVED BUT THAT HE WOULD NOT GO TO NEXT ROUND WITHOUT FIRST BEING ASSURED OF READINESS OF BOTH SIDES FOR MEANINGFUL TALKS. BUCHANAN UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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